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PTA ACTIVITIES

Halldale

Blue jeans and buckboards were the order of the day at Halldale Avenue School Thursday when over one thousand pupils presented their annual Spring Dance Festival before hundreds of parents and friends. The theme, "Halldale Round-up" was carried out with authentic and adapted American round and square dances, serving to culminate the year's activities in rhythms and dancing. Setting the stage with their miniature covered wagons the schools more than one hundred and fifty kindergarten children formed a camp circle on the playground, then coopered through the Rye Waltz, more aware of their joy than their technique. After a hasty retreat to the wagons when beset by a band of first grade "Indians," they relaxed to enjoy a "tribal dance." The program following included "Jig-along-Home," "Patty-Cake Mixer," "Virginia Reel," "O, Susanna," "Waltz of the Belles" and "The All American Promenade" presented successively by grade. Closing the festivities with the first graders doing a gay "Cowboy Carousel," the audience was invited to participate in a Bake Sale, annual feature of the Festival Day, which the PTA provides to raise funds.

"The entire staff of Halldale under the guidance of the committee headed by Mrs. Dorothy Armstrong, and including Mrs. Ruth Fischer, Mrs. Wilma Fisher and Mr. Jack Mahnken, worked diligently for a most successful program," said Mrs. Amanda Bonwell, principal.

Special credit also should be given to the "Cowboy Chorallers," Bonnie Robello, Lenny Keaton, Mike Irvine, Orin Riddell, Curtis Ranum, Ralph Henry, Michael Zamora, Dennis McGill, and Louis Corral, who with Jimmy Roberts on the bass viol and Sherry Keaphart and Damon Wisham on guitars provided the introductory theme song, "When It's Round-up Time at Halldale," with music arranged and directed by Mrs. Ruth Adams, music teacher.

Miss Candis Riddell, sixth grade student, officiated as mistress of ceremonies, and the Brownies of Troop 287, under the leadership of Mrs. Dye, presented the colors and led the pledge of allegiance.

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High School

Torrance High School PTA has scheduled the last meeting of the season for Tuesday evening May 10 at 8 o'clock in the school cafeteria.

The program according to Mrs. John Patrick, program chairman, is being planned by the Home Economics Department under the supervision of Mrs. Betty McCowan. In keeping with the theme of the PTA "Progress Through Action"; the sewing classes are planning a style show to demonstrate the results of their year's work. The cooking classes will also demonstrate the result of their year's work by preparing and serving refreshments to the group. Background music will be furnished by the music department under the supervision of Mr. Baum.

All high school parents are invited to attend.

Mrs. I. O. Kasten was hostess to the executive board of the PTA at its last meeting last Friday.

GUILD MEETING

Ladies Guild of the Central Evangelical United Brethren church will hold its monthly meeting, Wednesday, May 11, in the guild hall with Mrs. Ludwig Miller presiding. Mrs. Henry Weaver will conduct the devotionals. Refreshments will be served by the hostesses, Mmes Lloyd Warthan, Charles O. Schuckman and Maude Locke.

Council

Plans are progressing for the annual May breakfast for all of the units in PTA in Torrance according to Mrs. E. Ingram, first vice president of Torrance Council PTA. This year the breakfast will be held at the Civic Auditorium on May 10 at 9:30 in the morning. At this time the many awards which the local PTA units have won for their achievements through the year will be awarded. There will also be a musical program planned under the direction of Mrs. Duane Sherwood, Program Chairman for Torrance Council PTA.

Many of the unit officers and Council officers and chairmen are planning to attend meetings of the State Convention of PTA which is being held in Los Angeles, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week.

VISITS PARENTS

Miss Donna Pat Wolf left Sunday evening to resume her studies at UC at Santa Barbara after spending the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolf, 21804 Halldale Ave.

MRS. WOLF AT 10TH DISTRICT MEET

Mrs. Don Wolf, 21804 Halldale Ave., Founders Day chairman for Los Angeles California Congress PTA, is attending the state convention this week in Los Angeles. She is assisting with the State Founder's exhibit and attended the state board Manager's in the Pacific room of the Statler, Tuesday evening. She served on the hospitality committee for the Parent Education conference in the Los Angeles 10th District Health center, Wednesday evening. The first general session convened at the Shrine auditorium Wednesday, and the last session will be held Friday at the Statler.

OFFICIAL PAYS LODGE VISIT

Trio Rebekah Lodge 240 was pleasantly surprised to be honored by an unannounced visit of Charles H. Henderson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of California before his term of office expires in May.

Trio will hold their next regular business meeting May 11.

Scout Trails

Cub Pack 953C, sponsored by Perry PTA, held their monthly meeting April 15, at Perry School. Cubmaster Carl Swanson gave awards to the following: Wayne Nelson, Len Damerow received Denner Strips, and Dennis Bush, Assistant Denner, Bill Whitlow received Silver Arrow. Randy Mack was awarded Gold and Silver Arrow. Celebrating one year in Cub Scouts, David Smith, Danny Kuyper, Douglas Jackson were awarded One Year Pins. Two Year Pin went to Terry Dotson. Going into Webelos is Joe Rosenblatt. Coming up into Scouts are Jerome Lemberger, as den Chief, and Kenneth MacKenzie with a One Year Pin.

New Den Mothers, Mrs. E. C. Price and Mrs. J. Romero were introduced and welcomed to the group.

Being Forest Conservation Week, Den 1 cleverly presented a skit, complete with talking "trees," realistic fire, and a ferocious bear.

To the delight of the boys, a "relay" was held, winners receiving pocket flashlights. The meeting was then concluded.

Orlo Pool, Explorer Scout, and Charles Moffitt, Star Scout, members of Torrance Boy Scout Troop 241, were guests of the Sears Roebuck Foundation Saturday, April 23, at Corriganville near Santa Susana Pass. The boys were selected by the Troop as nominees for special Junior Leader Training sponsored by the Foundation. Stage coach races, stunt riding and a variety show highlighted the entertainment presented by Crash Corrigan and his Troop, to the boys and their adult leaders. A delicious barbecue was served at the conclusion of the day's events. Two Scouts and one senior crew leader from each of the area's 14 districts will be selected to attend Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico for special training next summer. Scout Commissioner H. B. Laudemann and Scout Committeeman W. D. Roeder accompanied the boys.

Cub Pack 960 will enjoy a circus carnival at the El Estano Park in Hollywood Riviera May 21 from 4 until 7 p.m. The show will be put on by the Cub Scouts, L. McGowan, Cub Master. There will be games and refreshments.

Parents to Plan Annual After-Graduation Party

Every graduating senior of Torrance High School should be represented by at least one parent at the meeting to be held Monday night, May 9, to discuss plans for the fifth annual graduation party, sponsored by the high school PTA. The meeting will be held in Room 104 at 8 o'clock.

This all night party, immediately following graduating exercises, has become one of the traditions of Torrance, as our city was among the first to recognize its value, according to Mrs. Jackson S. Moore, publicity chairman.

Before these PTA sponsored parties became customary, students left the graduation exercises to find entertainment in Los Angeles and surrounding cities. This need for celebrating the end of a very special period of their lives was understandable, but the manner involved night club expense, the problem of questionable environment, and the danger of traffic accidents. As a substitute for this costly and hazard-

ous manner of celebrating, Torrance High School PTA sponsors the present after-graduation party which is safe, sane, comparatively inexpensive, and is held close to home. The hospitality of the Hollywood Riviera Club will again furnish the setting for the event.

The expense and work entailed in this type of project have been carried by the senior class, their parents and teachers, and the service organizations and business men of Torrance. It is a project made possible by those who have a great pride in these young adults and a active interest in their welfare.

PERSONALITY IS STUDY TOPIC

"Total Personality—Infancy and Childhood" was the topic at the meeting of the Kappa chapter of the Delphian society last Thursday at the library.

Participating were Mmes. P. W. H. Van Oppen, J. M. Stuart, R. E. Beecher, and Warren Hamilton.

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BOOK ROUND-UP... Giving a helping hand to Mrs. Gordon F. Lee, chairman in charge of the Perry School Book Round-Up, is L. L. Foster, principal of Perry Elementary, and 3rd graders Cathy Loewenberg and Kent Hiner. Both youngsters are eight years old. The Round-Up is an effort to amass a collection of 1000 books for the school library, and is to be accomplished through volunteer contributions of pupils and parents. The book drive, now in progress, will continue through May 15.



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